



MLA Style: Formatting and Examples

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The information in this guide is based upon the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* 7th ed. (2009). This guide provides only **basic** information about citing references for “in-text” and a “works cited” page. This is not a substitute for being familiar with all MLA format requirements.

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In-text Citations (6.1--6.4) Basic Formats and Examples

MLA handbook section #	Guidelines/Criteria	Examples
6.1	Single author: provide author surname and relevant page or section number(s)	(Smith 178)
	Single author: if the author is mentioned in the body of your text, provide relevant page or section number(s) if available	Smith observed that...(178).
6.2 & 6.4.5	Organizational author: provide organization name with common terms abbreviated (if needed) and relevant page or section number(s)	(Natl. Research Council sec. 4)
	Organizational author: if the organization is mentioned in the body of your text, provide organization name followed by relevant page or section number(s) if available	According to the National Research Council “...” (sec. 4).
6.2	Two-three authors: provide both author surnames and relevant page(s) or section(s)	(Smith, Walton, and Jones par. 4)
	Two-three authors: if mentioned in body of your text, provide relevant page or section number(s) if available	Smith, Walton, and Jones stated “...” (par. 4).
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	More than three authors: if mentioned in the body of your text, list the first author's surname followed by phrase "et al." followed by relevant page or section number(s).	Smith et al. concluded that “...” (8).
6.4.4	No known author: if there is no identifiable author, use the name of the work followed by relevant page or section number(s) if available	(“Impact of Global Warming” 9-14)
	No known author: if mentioned in the body of your text and there is no identifiable author, use the name of the work followed by relevant page or section number(s) if available	In a segment entitled “The Impact of Global Warming” researchers discovered “...” (9-14).
*Please see sections 6.1-6.4 in the MLA handbook for more in-text citation examples and explanations.		

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Works Cited Entries:

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BOOKS (Print)

General format, author, chapter in book (print):

Author's name. "Title of chapter." *Title of the book*.
Name of editor, translator, or compiler.
Edition used. Number(s) of volume(s) used.
Name of the series. Place of publication:
Publisher, Date of Publication. Page
numbers (if applicable). Print.

Anonymous book (5.5.9):

The Holy Bible: New International Version. Grand
Rapids: Zondervan, 1984. Print.
[alphabetize under *h*]

Book, one author (5.5.2):

Yossarian, John. *Another Mission to Avignon*.
Pianosa: Minderbinder, 1948. Print.

Book, two or more authors (5.5.4):

Dent, Arthur, and William Pilgrim. *42 and Other
Answers to Life*. New York: Galaxy, 1988.
Print.

Corporate author (5.5.5):

Central Intelligence Agency. *Spies R Us*. Langley:
CIA, 1993. Print.

Second or subsequent edition (5.5.13):

Pitt, Dirk. *Dangers of the Deep: A Primer on
Underwater Salvage*. 4th ed. Los Angeles:
Numa, 1995. Print.

Edited book (5.5.10):

Crane, Stephen. *The Red Badge of Courage*. 1895.
Ed. Clinton Tyree. Miami, FL: Tradewinds,
1991. Print.

Edited book (5.5.10)--Citing the work of the editor (intro, notes, or editorial decisions):

Hiaasen, Carl, ed. *Skink's Recipes for Busy
Mothers*. Miami: Camino del Carrona, 1991.
Print

Multivolume work (5.5.14)--If using one vol:

Trout, Kilgore, ed. *The Treatment of Mental
Dysfunction*. Vol. 3. Midland City: Champion,
1976. Print.

Multivolume work (5.5.14)--If using two or more volumes [Specific references to volume and page number belong in the text, see MLA Handbook, sec. 3:212-13 and sec. 6]:

Trout, Kilgore, ed. *The Treatment of Mental
Dysfunction*. 4 vols. Midland City:
Champion, 1976. Print.

General encyclopedia, signed article (5.5.7):

Samsa, Gregor. "Insects." *World Book Encyclopedia*.
25th ed. 2006. Print.

General encyclopedia, unsigned article (5.5.7):

"Elvis Cole." *Who's Who in America*. 62nd ed. 2008.
Print.

Specialized encyclopedia or other reference work, signed article (5.5.7 and 5.5.14):

Chambers, Ishmael. "Angling in Puget Sound."
Fishing Encyclopedia. Ed. John Smith. 2nd
ed. Seattle: Cedar Tree, 2002. Print.

Dictionary definition (5.5.7):

"Parody." Def. *The Oxford English Dictionary*. 2nd ed.
1989. Print.

BOOKS (Electronic)

Electronic book (5.5, 5.6.2.c.) Ebrary example:

Andrews, David L., ed. *Sports Stars: Public Culture*.
Florence, KY: Routledge, 2001. *Ebrary*.
Web. 3 Dec. 2004.

[*Ebrary* is a subscription database for electronic
books (e-books). "If the guidelines in 5.5 call for
inclusive page numbers and they are not present in
the source, use n. pag." (p. 179, p.187) See also
5.5.24.]

MAGAZINE / JOURNAL ARTICLES (Print)

General format, authored periodical article (print):

Author's name. "Title of the article." Name of the periodical. Series number or name (if relevant). Volume number (for scholarly journal). Issue number (for scholarly journal). Date of publication. Page numbers. Print.

Magazine article, authored, not consecutive paging (5.4.6) example:

Medea, I.M. "Planning a Day with Your Children and Relatives." *Suburban Mother* June 1995: 73+. Print.

Magazine article, no author, consecutive paging (5.4.6) example:

"Creative Complements to Your Montresor-Style Alcove." *Weekend Do-It-Yourself Magazine* 15 Aug. 1994: 64-66. Print.

Scholarly journal article, continuous paging (5.4.2) example:

Renko, Arkady. "Analyzing Organic Substances for Evidentiary Value: Gorky Park Site." *Russian Forensic Review* 36.4 (1982): 284-325. Print.

Scholarly journal article, not consecutive paging (5.4.2) example:

Barnes, Jake. "Psychological and Physiological Adjustments of War Veterans." *Pamplona Quarterly* 22.4 (1937): 25+. Print.

Book review (5.4.7) example:

Aardvark, Arfy. "AWOL Again?" Rev. of *Another Mission of Avignon* by John Yossarian. *Clovis Review of Books* 10 Sept. 1949: 22. Print.

MAGAZINE / JOURNAL ARTICLES (Electronic)

General format, authored magazine article from database (electronic):

Author's name. "Title of the article." *Name of the magazine*. Date: pages. *Name of the database used*. Web. Date accessed.

Articles that are reproduced in online database(s) (5.5.6, 5.6) multiple examples by database & type are listed below:

African American Experience, Latino American Experience, World Folklore and Folklife, Daily Life Online. **general format:**

Author. "Title of reference entry." *Title of Reference Source*. Place of Publication: Publisher. Date of Publication. *Database Title*. Web. Access date.

CQ Researcher, online version of the paper/print resource: no page numbers example:

Clark, Charles S. "The FBI Under Fire." *CQ Researcher* 11 Apr. 1997. *CQ Researcher*. Web. 7 Aug. 2009.

FirstSearch, magazine example:

Neff, Jack. "Pillow Covers, Detergents Enlist in War on Allergies." *Advertising Age* 10 May 1999: 65. *Wilson Select Full Text*. Web. 22 July 2009.

Latino American Experience resource material example:

Meier, Matt S. and Margo Gutierrez. "Arizona." *Encyclopedia of the American Civil Rights Movement*. Westport, CT: Greenwood, 2000: n.pag. *Latino American Experience*. Web. 21 Apr. 2009.

Encyclopedia Britannica (online) entry example:

"de Kooning, Willem." *Encyclopedia Britannica Online*. Encyclopedia Britannica. 2008. Web. 15 May 2008.

FirstSearch, scholarly journal example:

Caine, Renate Nummela. "Building the Bridge from Research to Classroom." *Educational Leadership* 58 (2000): 59-65. *ERIC*. Web. 10 May 2009.

Gale Literature Criticism article example:

Nebeker, Helen E. "The Lottery": Symbolic Tour de Force." *American Literature* 46.1 (1974): 100-07. Rpt. in *Short Story Criticism*. Ed. Jenny Cromie. Vol. 39. Detroit: Gale Group, 2000. 181-235. *Literature Criticism Online*. Web. 15 Apr. 2009.

Gale Virtual Library entry, authored example:

Birchfield, D. L. "Pueblos." *Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America*. Ed. Jeffrey Lehmann. 2nd ed. Vol. 3. Detroit: Gale, 2000. 1477-1488. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*. Web. 6 May 2008.

InfoTrac Power Search, magazine article, separately paged example:

Winner, Cherie. "Groundwater: Our Hidden Endangered Resource." *Current Health* 2 Jan. 1996: 28+. *InfoTrac Power Search*. Web. 5 Apr. 2009.

Issues and Controversies [online version of the paper/print resource] example:

"Trucking Safety." *Issues and Controversies* 27 Jan. 2007: n.pag. *Issues and Controversies*. Web. 21 Apr. 2009.

LexisNexis, newspaper article example:

Deyette, Camile. "Here's Looking At You." *Los Angeles Times* 7 Oct. 1998: E1. *LexisNexis*. Web. 10 May 2000.

MasterFILE Premier, magazine article example:

McCarthy, Terry. "The Coyote's Game." *Time* 11 June 2001: 56-. *MasterFILE Premier*. Web. 9 Apr. 2009.

Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection, article example:

Kramer, Laurie, and Lisa A. Perozynski. "Parental Responses to Sibling Conflict: The Effects of Development and Parental Gender." *Child Development* 70.6 (1999): 1401-14. *Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection*. Web. 9 June. 2009.

Gale Literature Resource Center example:

Holladay, Hillary. "Narrative Space in Ann Petry's *Country Place*." *Xavier Review* 16.1 (1996): 21-35. Rpt. in *Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism*. Ed. Linda Pavlovski and Scott Darga. Vol. 112. Detroit: Gale, 2002. 356-62. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 30 Apr. 2009.

Gale Virtual Library entry, no author example:

"Winston Churchill." *Encyclopedia of World Biography*. 2nd ed. Vol. 4. Detroit: Gale, 2004. 50-51. *Gale Virtual Library*. Web. 9 Apr. 2009.

InfoTrac Power Search, scholarly journal; issues paged separately example:

Brown, Kathryn S. "Making a Splash with Zebrafish: a New Model System Dives into Developmental Biology." *BioScience* 47.2 (1997): 68-77. *InfoTrac Power Search*. Web. 28 Apr. 2009.

JSTOR article example:

Tolson, Nancy. "Making Books Available: The Role of Early Libraries, Librarians, and Booksellers in the Promotion of African American Children's Literature." *African American Review* 32.1 (1998): 9-16. *JSTOR*. Web. 5 June 2008.

LexisNexis, interview transcript – combo of mediums

3.6.3, 5.7.1, 5.7.7 [check with instructor] example:
Bacevich, A. J. "Andrew Bacevich Discusses His Book *The Limits of Power*." Interview by Terry Gross. *Fresh Air*. Natl. Public Radio. WHYY, n.p. 11 Sep. 2008. *Lexis Nexis*. Web. Transcript. 22 Apr. 2009.

MasterFILE Premier, scholarly journal, continuously paged example:

Ediger, Marlow. "Appraising Learner Progress in the Social Studies." *College Student Journal* 33 (1998): 233-48. *MasterFILE Premier*. Web. 25 Apr. 2009.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES (Print & Electronic)

Newspaper article, authored, print (5.4.5)

example:

Carraway, Nicholas. "Don't Be a Party Pooper."
News-Observer [West Egg] 22 Aug. 1952:
C3+. Print.

Newspaper article from online database

example:

Harden, Nick. "Water-rich Californians Lose Interest
in Xeriscaping." *Arizona Republic* 6 Sept.
1997: AH15. *NewsBank*. Web. 22 July 1999.

Newspaper article or editorial, unsigned print (5.4.10) example:

"Sparrow and Piracy." Editorial. *Caribbean Times* 6
Feb. 2003, eastern ed.: B4. Print.

ProQuest Databases: Newspapers (ProQuest Newspapers) article example:

Schwartz, John. "Web Bugs' Are Tracking Use of
Internet." *New York Times* 14 Aug. 2001,
late eastern ed.:C1+ . *ProQuest
Newspapers*. Web. 26 June 2009.

AUDIOVISUAL MATERIALS

Audio recording–book as audiocassette (5.7.3 – please consult) example:

Hermann, Edward, narr. *John Adams*. by David
McCullough. Simon, 2001. Audiocassette.

Motion picture or film (5.7.3) example:

It's a Wonderful Life. Dir. Frank Capra. Perf. James
Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore,
and Thomas Mitchell. 1946. Republic, 2001.
DVD.

General format, online video clip from You Tube:

Name of creator (if known). "Title of program."
Description (if not a program, e.g.,
commercial, online video clip). YouTube,
Date of publication. Web. Date of access.

General format, streamed video from database:

Title of video. Director of Video. Publisher of Video.
Date of Publication. *Database*. Web. Date of
access. <url>.

Images (5.6.2.d, 5.7.6, 5.7.18)--Database format (5.6.4) as for AP Images example:

Kaster, Carolyn. "Midwest Flooding Fargo." 24 Mar.
2009. *AP Images*. Web. 21 Apr 2009.

Audio recording–book as CD (5.7.3 – please consult) example:

Hermann, Edward, narr. *John Adams*. by David
McCullough. Simon, 2001. CD.

Online video clip from You Tube (adapted from UC-Berkeley & Purdue models) examples:

"Miller Lite Man Law: High Five." Commercial.
YouTube. Web. 17 Nov. 2006.

Shimabukuro, Jake. "Ukulele Weeps by Jack
Shimabukuro." Online video clip. YouTube, 4
Apr. 2008.. Web. 22 Apr. 2006.

Murphy, Beth. "Tips for a Good Profile Piece."
Project: Report. YouTube, 7 Sept. 2008.
Web. 19 Sept. 2008.

Streamed videos from GCC's FMG collection (5.7.3, 5.6.2.d) example:

Information Literacy: The Perils of Online Research.
Dir. Amy S. Weber and Ryan Demetrak.
Cambridge Educational, 2006. *FMG on
Demand*. 28 Feb. 2008. <url>.

Images--Following a web page format (5.6.2.b. and d.) for AP Images example:

Kaster, Carolyn. "Midwest Flooding Fargo." *AP
Images*. AccuWeather. 24 Mar. 2009. Web.
21 Apr. 2009.

INTERVIEWS

E-mail communication (5.7.13) example:
 Smith, John. "Re: Jamestown Colony." Message to John Rolfe. 10 May 2008. E-mail.

Interviews, published in print (5.7.7) (See 5.6.2b for interviews on the web) example:
 Gordimer, Nadine. Interview. *New York Times* 10 Oct. 1991, late ed. C25. Print.

Interviews, broadcast on Radio/Television example:
 Nader, Ralph. Interview with Ray Suarez. *Talk of the Nation*. Natl. Public Radio. WBUR, Boston. 16 Apr. 1998. Radio.

Interviews, personal, not published examples:
 McCain, John. Personal interview. 10 Nov. 2002.
 Napolitano, Janet. Telephone interview. 10 Nov. 2002.

MISSING SOMETHING?

Check out the table below for what abbreviations to use in your works cited list when your resource does **NOT** provide a date, page numbers, place of publication, or publisher name:

<i>MLA handbook section #</i>	<i>What's missing:</i>	<i>What to use:</i>	<i>Examples: (provided by MLA Handbook)</i>
5.5.24	No date	n.d.	Malachi, Zvi, ed. <i>Proceedings of the International Conference on Literary and Linguistic Computing</i> . [Tel Aviv]: [Fac. Of Humanities, Tel Aviv U], n.d. Print.
5.5.24	No page numbers	n. pag. / N. pag.	Michelangelo. <i>The Sistine Chapel</i> . New York: Wings, 1992. N. pag. Print. [capitalization of "n. pag." depends on placement]
5.5.24	No place of publication	n.p.	<i>Batman Signal Arrives</i> . N.p.: U of Gotham P, 2008.
5.5.24	No publisher	n.p.	Author last name, first name. <i>Title of Work</i> . New York: n.p., 2008. Print.
5.5.24	Combination of missing elements: no date, no page numbers, and no publisher	n.d., N. pag., n.p.	<i>Photographic View Album of Cambridge</i> . [Eng.]: n.p., n.d., N. pag. Print.

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